

**BANGOR TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
CAMPER ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. 29**

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and control of campers situated in Bangor Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, pursuant to MCLA 41.181, et seq. The purpose of the Ordinance being to protect the health, safety and general welfare of persons and property in Bangor Township and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, except that nothing in the Ordinance shall be deemed in conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan which might supersede Township Ordinances.

The Township Board of Bangor Township, Van Buren County, Michigan hereby ordains:

**Section 1: Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as Bangor Township Ordinance for the Regulation and Control of Campers.

**Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to protect the people and property of persons and the property owners of Bangor Township in regards to their health, safety and general welfare and to regulate and control the placement and use of campers.

**Section 3: Definitions**

Campers and all dwellings of less than 500 square feet of living space, which may reasonably and normally be used for temporary occupancy by people including, but not limited to travel trailers, motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, tent campers, pop-up campers, pickup campers and other items of similar manufacture or use, whether or not normally licensed for transportation purposes by the State of Michigan.

**Section 4: Regulation of Campers**

Campers, as defined above, shall be permitted on parcels within Bangor Township subject to the conditions set forth herein:

- A. In no case may any Camper be placed in Bangor Township for the purpose of permanent occupancy, nor may it be used as a permanent residence nor as a rental unit;
- B. No Camper shall be parked or stored within twenty (20) feet of any lake, stream, river or other waterway in Bangor Township;
- C. No Camper shall be parked or stored within twenty (20) feet of any County or Township road(s) or street(s).
- D. Campers may be occupied from April 1 to October 30 each year, provided the owner registers with the Township Clerk the dates of occupancy, location, owner (with

permanent address), a plan for sanitation disposal of waste and trash, and an electrical permit and inspection from the Township Electrical Inspector.

- E. Township residents may obtain, at no cost, a special use permit for a Camper to be used from October 31 through March 31 for short term use of a camper on their property.
- F. If a Camper is to be occupied as temporary living quarters while a residence is being built, the owner shall apply and pay for a building permit. In addition, the owner shall request a Special Use Permit, at no cost, from the Township Board. The owner shall be required to remove the Camper within two years of its first date of occupancy.
- G. No Camper shall be permanently connected or hooked up to a water supply, septic system, natural gas supply nor permanently attached to a foundation.
- H. No "gray water" or sewage shall be drained or dumped from any camper except into such collection vehicles or off-site septic disposal systems as may be approved by the Van Buren County Department of Health;
- I. All Campers shall maintain and display a current license/registration plate if such license is normally required for routine transportation purposes or movement along the roads and highways of the State of Michigan;
- J. All trash must be disposed of in proper trash receptacles.
- K. The Bangor Township Board shall periodically review use of Campers in Bangor Township and may exercise the option of establishing a fee schedule unique to Campers for the purpose of collecting reimbursement for rubbish removal and pickup and associated administrative costs.

#### **Section 5: Enforcement**

The foregoing Ordinance shall be enforced by the Ordinance and Code Compliance Officer of Bangor Township, Van Buren County, Michigan.

#### **Section 6: Penalties**

Violation of any part of this Ordinance may subject the violator to a misdemeanor conviction, and/or possible fine penalty, not to exceed \$500.00 or ninety (90) days imprisonment or both, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **Section 7: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication, and supersedes all previously dated ordinances regarding campers.

Bangor Township Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted by the Bangor Township Board of Trustees, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 8th, 2022.

Date: March 8th, 2022.

  
Amanda Karr, Bangor Township Clerk

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